

January 7, 2009

Meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Dennis Bertucci, Gladys LeFevre, Sue Inman, Council Members; Judi Davis, Clerk.

Public attending: Peg Smith and Sergio Femenias, John Holland, Katie Austin, Walt Gove, Jack Pollock, Corry Johnson, Mark Nelson, Boz Bosworth, Caroline Gaudy, Cheryl and Steve Cox, Constance Lynn and Matt Cochran, Tom Jerome.

Pledge of allegiance

Bill Muse, Sue Inman, and Gladys LeFevre were sworn in to their newly elected positions by Clerk Judi Davis.

John Holland, Scenic 12 Byway Coordinator, introduced himself and the Scenic Byway program. Scott Brodie was acknowledged as our representative on the committee. The focus in 2009 was getting interpretive signs installed. There are three at Anasazi State Park and 60 between Torrey and Red Canyon. John's responsibilities include implementing the Management Plan and writing grants. They sponsor a half marathon which helps in funding projects. The committee is a partnership and forum for different agencies to communicate with each other. Their goals are charitable and educational but not promotional. He reported on the new structure of the State Scenic Byway program which was created during the last legislative session. A new directional signage section cannot override local ordinances. They were successful in receiving a grant which they will use to redo their website and to update route guides to be handed out at visitors' centers and at other sites. He left a copy of their annual report.

Corry reported that seven of our volunteer fire fighters will be attending Winter Fire School and requested funding for the training. Katie stated that it is a good program with excellent teachers and is a real team builder, as participants return with new skills and enthusiasm. She feels it is well worth the money spent. Money is budgeted for this training. We will pay mileage and the meal after they return. They plan to take the new fire truck.

Gladys made a motion we approve the revised November 5 minutes and the minutes of the December 3 meeting. Dennis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Gladys made a motion the Council adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel or legal matters. Sue seconded the motion. Vote was: Dennis - aye, Gladys - aye, Sue - aye, Bill - aye. Council adjourned to executive session in the south room at 7:45.

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At 7:55 Gladys made a motion that open meeting be resumed. Dennis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The mayor made the following assignments to council members:

- Sue Inman will be responsible for roads and the landfill
- Randy Ripplinger will be the liaison between the Council and Planning Commission and will be the Enforcement Officer (with his first assignment being to visit with the Drains)
- Dennis Bertucci will be liaison between the Council and Fire Department and will coordinate compliance with camping permits
- Gladys LeFevre will be responsible for buildings, grounds, and the cemetery

The Council approved the assignments.

Caroline Gaudy was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Adjustment.

Questions on window signs were posed last month. We waited to contact the businesses whose signs were in question until getting an interpretation of the ordinance from Mark McIff, our attorney. Tom reported that he and Bobbie won't be at the Planning Commission public hearing, so had also done some studying on the sign issue. The opinion of the attorney (which concurs with other independent interpretation) is that window signs are exempt from all requirements of the sign section of the Zoning Ordinance.

We have three bids for the removal of the trees in front of the town hall. Bill will check with Garkane to see if they would remove them as a community service. Tom is willing to be the contact person when the time comes. We could sell the firewood with the proceeds going toward park projects.

The citizens' committee which has been studying the effects of rotenone presented a written report on their rotenone research and a letter they propose to send to officials. They have a meeting scheduled with Mike Ottenbacher of DWR on January 19 to talk about the spring poisoning. If they agree not to continue the project, the goal of the committee is met. If they do not, the committee will send the results of their research and conclusions to public officials in order to put pressure on to have it stopped. If it resumes, DWR are required to let us know. Dennis wondered if it would be wise to have the committee's letter in petition form. Matt responded that that is the plan. Gladys wondered if the League of Cities and Towns could tell us if we as a town government can do something stronger than writing a letter or passing a resolution.

Matt stated that they would like to work with Mike Ottenbacher, but if their meeting doesn't result in the hoped-for result, they have other strategies. A unified front is valuable. We aren't on the forest, but we are on the watershed. Bill feels a legal battle

would be more expensive than we could afford. Matt stated that there are environmental interests that could be contacted, but prefers to keep the effort local.

The Council has public hearings and a meeting scheduled for January 25, after the committee's meeting with DWR. We will add to the agenda a discussion of the town's writing a letter if needed.

The Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing to receive comment on the sign section of the ordinance on January 14 at 7:00, followed by a meeting to draft recommendations for changes, if any.

The Fire Department responded to a call in Escalante at the sawmill. They had trouble with one vehicle, which has now been repaired. Five people responded to the call and stayed for a few hours to help as needed.

The CDBG application has been submitted. Someone will come within the next two weeks to do a walk through of the project as part of the decision process.

The CIB application can be submitted February 1 or June 1. There are compelling reasons to submit it in the first round of applications, so we will move forward quickly.

A reminder was issued that use of the town building needs to be scheduled through the town clerk in advance in order to avoid conflicts in scheduling. A notice to that effect will be posted on the door of the building and on the website. Possession of a key to the building does not exempt a person or group from the need to schedule.

Gladys made a motion the meeting adjourn. Sue seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.